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<u>Sedgwick County Health Department Plans Vietnamese Wellness Day</u> <u>for Breast Cancer Awareness Month</u>

(Sedgwick County, Kansas) – October is National Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

And, the Sedgwick County Health Department along with American Cancer Society will be hosting outreach events throughout the month to encourage women (especially underserved populations) to have a mammogram.

The Sedgwick County Health Department will be hosting the Vietnamese Women's Wellness Day on Saturday, October 26 from 12:30 p.m. to 3 p.m. at Midtown Community Resource Center, 1150 N. Broadway, in order to reach the Vietnamese community. During the event there will be informational booths from various agencies, entertainment for adults and children as well as snacks. The event is free and open to everyone.

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The goal for Breast Cancer Awareness Month is to educate and inform women about breast cancer and the Free to Know Program at the Sedgwick County Health Department. Breast Cancer will strike 200,000 people and claim 40,000 lives this year, according to American Cancer Society. Experts agree regular screenings are the most effective means to early detection of breast cancer.

"The Sedgwick County Health Department operates the 'Free to Know' program, a wonderful program for women," said Chairman Ben Sciortino. "The Breast Cancer Awareness Month is a great way for us to inform people of this program."

For more information on the "Free to Know" program or to find out the stipulations for eligibility contact the Sedgwick County Health Department at 660-7300.

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